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(57) Abstract: The invention provides a dried milk protein concentrate which has high denatured whey protein content and is calcium depleted. Processes for preparing the product are also provided. The product is useful in preparing cheese, particularly for reducing the formation of nuggets (thin protein rich gels of a different colour) in the cheese. In one embodiment the calcium content of a milk protein concentrate is reduced and whey proteins are denatured using heat treatment, prior to drying, to obtain the product.

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